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To Whom It May Concern,

We live near the McConkey and Sesko properties and the Old Bremerton Gasworks located at 1721 Pennsylvania Avenue in Bremerton, Washington. We are encouraged by the efforts of EPA to do a Brownfields Assessment in the area and the interest by our City of Bremerton to clean this area up and to allow it to be used to its full potential.

As this process develops, whether this land will eventually be used as light industrial property or as a public park, we as neighbors would like to see these things happen for the benefit of the residents of this neighborhood and for the public in general:

- Develop a "street end" (similar to Bainbridge Island's street end program) foot access or trail access to the water and the beach in this area. It could be at the end of Pennsylvania or on the property between Pennsylvania and Thompson.
- If possible include in this access enough width to carry a hand powered boat to the water—such as a kayak or canoe. A full boat ramp would be an asset, but allowing access for small craft would at least provide a good recreational /exercise opportunity in this neighborhood.
- 3. A public walkway along the bluff above the water between Pennsylvania and Thompson with views out to the water. Walkways along the water (or over the water) are being included in many cities now and can improve the livability of the city by providing inspiring views and pleasant places to exercise by walking, jogging, or riding bicycles. This piece might eventually be connected to a walking path through to High Street, along 17th Street, though the college to Evergreen Park and the hoped-for Boardwalk from there to downtown.

